

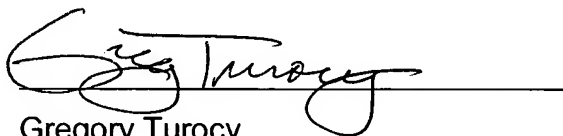
REMARKS

Claims 23-33 and 41-61 are pending in the subject application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the combination of Moore (US 2001/0029152 A1) and Ishizaki, et al. (US 2001/0041509 A1). Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Alanko for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of July 22, 2004. As stated in the Interview Summary, Examiner Alanko suggested amending the claims to recite a semiconductor wafer with integrated circuit features to distinguish the claimed invention over Ishizaki, et al. since Ishizaki, et al. is directed towards ceramic workpieces (See [0002]) and not semiconductor wafers. In view of Examiner Alanko's suggestion, independent claims 23, 41 and 52 have been amended to recite this limitation and claims 23-33 and 41-61 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,
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